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News worth sharing.

Police identify murder victim

► No arrests have been made in Easter Sunday homicide ► Cops seeking witnesses ► RCMP believe this was not a random act



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Police have identified the victim of a murder in North Preston and confirmed he was wearing a bulletproof vest.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae identified the 22-year-old victim as Nathan Cross yesterday.

There have been reports that Cross was shot in the head, but police would confirm only that he was shot in the upper body on Easter Sunday.

RCMP and a forensic unit were stationed in front of a light-blue house at 1 Cain St. yesterday morning, searching a red Pontiac Grand Am that sat in the driveway.

Alexander Fraser, who lives next door, was not home at the time of the shooting. Fraser said he knew the victim.

"My wife said (Sunday), 'This would have been a relatively joy-



► An RCMP forensic identification officer gathers evidence from a Pontiac Grand Am yesterday near the scene of a fatal shooting in North Preston on Sunday night.

ous day but it's now a sombre one," he said, standing on his front lawn.

A Facebook group titled "Rest in peace Nathan Cross" was created late Sunday. Posts on the page suggest Cross was a father and his mother had also died.

Several media outlets have identified Laura Lee Cross as the victim's mother. Reports say that

she was also a murder victim and her body was found in 2002, but MacRae said major crime investigators are "90 per cent positive" she wasn't Nathan Cross's mother.

Cross was shot in the area of Churchill Terrace across from Nelson Whynder Elementary School shortly after 6:30 p.m. He died before arriving at hospital.

NDP. Leader



► NDP Leader Jack Layton, accompanied by New Brunswick candidates, addresses a crowd in Saint John yesterday as momentum goes his way. More election coverage, pages 3, 4 & 6.

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Layton rides surge to Saint John

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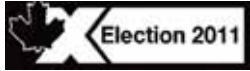
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Youth amped up for election day



Vote mobs are sweeping across the nation as the May 2 federal election nears and Halifax is no exception.

Young voting enthusiasts have gathered twice in

Halifax in just over a week with the message "The youth vote too."

Mark Sparrow, a co-organizer for a similar event in Cape Breton, says the message is really simple – just go out and vote.

"Historically, the numbers have been a little low

for the general population, but especially for youth. We're hoping this will encourage more and more young people to hit the polls," he said.

During the latest rally in Halifax over the weekend, the vote mob filmed a video for YouTube, letting

candidates know what issues are important to them, no matter the party. This is similar to ones done in Guelph, Ont., Ottawa and Victoria.

And the mobs are just the beginning. Other events called vote socials are being organized.

Young people will gather before heading to polling stations together on election day.

The rally in Halifax also coincided with the first day of advanced polling for the election.

● ANDREW CALEY, WITH FILES FROM THE CAPE BRETON POST

Steady stream of early-bird voters

► Yesterday was last day of 3 early polling chances before election day ► Deadline is today to register with Elections Canada to vote by special ballot



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With federal election candidates heading into their final week of campaigning, many HRM residents have already cast their votes.

Karen Janigan, regional media adviser for Elections Canada, could not give any concrete numbers yesterday, but said the advance polling traffic in the Halifax area and across the province "could be characterized as steady."

"I think the good weather is bringing people out," she said.

A steady stream of voters were trickling into the Dartmouth Sportsplex polling station yesterday afternoon.

"Let's just say mine was a very strategic vote so that the Conservatives don't get the majority."

MARTIN THEBERGE, ADVANCE POLLING VOTER

Don Mackenzie said he usually casts his vote prior to election day because he doesn't like the crowds.

"Usually I come out because there are not that many people here ... and in case something happens on election day, like you're sick or something," he said just after voting.

Some people said they were heading out of town next week and wouldn't be around to check a ballot box.

"We came out today because we're going on a cruise," said Jen Campbell with a smile.

Other people, like Joan Horton, just wanted to "get out and do it."

Janigan said there was a good turnout for Friday's advance polling despite it being Good Friday.

"I have reports in some parts of the Maritimes that people were going to services and then going to vote."

The official tally of how many Canadians voted in the advance polls will not be known until May 2.

But during the 2008 federal election, 1.5 million people turned out for advance polling across the country, said Janigan.



► A voter leaves the advance polling station in the Dartmouth Sportsplex yesterday afternoon.

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Will anyone stop Stoffer?

► Longtime MP Stoffer faces a new slate of challengers ► Tories target long-gun registry vote flip-flop



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NDP incumbent Peter Stoffer won his first election by a margin of 41 votes.

In 1997, Stoffer defeated Progressive Conservative candidate Ken Stretch 12,433 to 12,392 in the newly formed riding of Sackville-Musquodoboit-Eastern Shore.

Since that election, the riding has changed names — dropping the Musquodoboit — but not MPs.

Stoffer has won by a landslide in the last three elections, capturing 61 per cent of the vote in 2008. His closest competitor in that election, Conservative David Montgomery, came in 40 points behind.

But Stoffer found himself in hot water with some constituents last year over his controversial support of the national long-gun registry. Stoffer had been a longtime opponent of the registry, but voted to kill a private member's bill

aimed at ending the registry last September.

At the time, Stoffer described the move as a "major hit" on his political capital in the rural riding.

The Tories were expected to make the issue a ballot question in the riding, and first-time Conservative candidate Adam Mimmagh has vowed to vote to end the registry. Mimmagh, who owns a small animation company, is also taking shots at Stoffer's status as a "career politician."

Lobbyist Scott Hemming has the nod for the Liberals, who had a dismal third place showing in 2008 with 12 per cent of the vote. Hemming also ran in the 2009 provincial election in Sackville-Cobequid, losing to NDP incumbent Dave Wilson.

John Percy, the leader of the Nova Scotia Green Party, is also vying for the seat. The Greens have been held to under 6 per cent of the vote in the past three elections.

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► NDP incumbent Peter Stoffer has held the Sackville-Eastern Shore seat since 1997.

Meet the candidates



► Scott Hemming

Liberal 44 years old.

Experience in politics: Scott has worked on many election campaigns and ran for MLA in 2009 for Sackville-Cobequid. A community lobbyist in Nova Scotia and Ottawa for 16 years.

What do people not know about you?

Scott has proven he can work with all members of parliament to get things done.



► Adam Mimmagh

Conservative 36 years old.

Experience in politics: Lobbying for small business; no elected experience.

What do most people not know about you?

I'm a small business owner, I'm not a career politician or lawyer. I own Huminah Huminah Animation.



► John Percy

Green 61 years old.

Experience in politics:

Leader of the Green Party of Nova Scotia. I have worked for all three mainstream parties in my political life.

What do most people not know about you?

I had two hit songs back in the '80s.



► Peter Stoffer

NDP 55 years old.

Experience in politics: 14 years

What do most people not know about you?

I am a huge Bob Dylan fan.

What is the largest issue facing your riding?

The largest issue in this riding is a lack of jobs. In order to facilitate job creation, I would like to work for you to ensure that this riding is getting the infrastructure it deserves. Minutes away from downtown Halifax, this riding has what it takes to ensure job creation.

Having a voice in government, not having a representative that's fourth place opposition behind the Bloc. Better paying jobs and job creation in rural ridings.

Our current MP is a great public servant compared to the rest of the MPs sitting in Parliament. The problem is he is shackled to a party that continuously plays political games to maintain the status quo. This riding could benefit from his talents at the municipal level.

Health care.

What do you bring to the campaign that your opponents don't?

I bring 16 years of experience working in Ottawa with all political parties. I understand that you have to work with all members of Parliament, and not just those within your political party to achieve what is needed for this riding.

A promise to keep my word, and to vote to get rid of the long-gun registry. A voice in government. A strong stable conservative government.

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Experience.

What changes do you want to see in the next Parliament?

I would like to see changes within Parliament that will better all families, such as help with our daycare system, tuition money for students, a better pension system, and help for families caring for ill family members.

We want to get things done, stop the squabbling, we need a majority to do this. I want to be able to work with all members of Parliament, it doesn't matter which party came up with a good idea.

A place where everyone behaves like adults, respects the needs of their constituents as well as the needs of the entire voting population of the country, where good ideas are worked on by all parties no matter where the idea comes from. No more childish behaviour.

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What will you bring for the people of your riding?

I will bring trust, integrity, and the openness to listen to all the concerns of my constituents. I am willing to work for you and with you for what you deserve in this riding.

Better paying jobs, job creation, scrapping of the long-gun registry, wind farms to generate electricity and lower greenhouse emissions (and) I would fight to have a tax credit for small businesses that open up in rural zonings.

My presence in Parliament will immediately bring our riding positive notoriety. The constituents of this riding will receive the over-the-top service they have come to expect coupled with forward-thinking ideas and a stubborn streak that will not waiver.

I bring experience, a keen awareness of the issues, and the ability to work with MPs from all sides to accomplish good things.

ATLANTIC CANADA

Voting on the region's worst roads

Starting this week, Atlantic Canadians are going to vote on something other than federal politics.

Drivers in the region are being asked by the Canadian Automobile Association to submit candidates for the worst roads in Atlantic Canada.

The top or worst 20

roads selected will be put on a list and sent to all levels of government in the region.

Gary Howard, the vice-president of CAA's Atlantic branch, says this is the perfect time to talk about the roads after such a long winter.

"It will be important to prioritize which roads need fixing first," he said. "And fixing them means properly, not throwing some dirt in a hole."

The survey starts tomorrow and runs to May 24.

● ANDREW CALEY

City hosting Atlantic Power Symposium

Leading industry and government experts will get together in Halifax from June 14 to 15 for the Canadian Institute's Atlantic Power Symposium.

The plan for the symposium, which will be held at the World Trade and Convention Centre, is to share the most recent information on the growing opportunities in Atlantic Canada's power sector.

Topics to be discussed at the symposium include

the Lower Churchill hydro-electricity project, renewable energy targets, the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station Refurbishment and working with first nations communities to facilitate new projects.

Richard Brown and Craig Leonard, environment and energy ministers from P.E.I. and New Brunswick respectively, will be keynote speakers at the event. ● ANDREW CALEY

Lobster plant to close in P.E.I.

Ocean Choice International is shutting down its lobster processing facility in Souris, P.E.I., throwing about 300 people

out of work.

Chief operating officer Blaine Sullivan issued a statement saying the company's board of directors has decided to sell the plant, seven years after it was purchased from the now-defunct Polar Foods International.

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Fun. With friends

► Five-year-old Karlee Clark jumps over a skipping rope as she enjoys the sunshine with friends, Jayce Forgeron, 11, and Cailin Wallace, 9, at Isleville Park yesterday.

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Skipping in the sun

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Justice not up for debate

► Liberals gave Landry notice that Dexter's bar fees would be questioned



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The opposition Liberals are accusing the government of procedural shenanigans after the revelation that the Department of Justice's estimates may not be debated before the budget vote.

But the NDP are calling the complaints a conspiracy theory.

After the budget is tabled, the official opposition will name five government departments and ministers to appear before the committee of the whole on supply.

The remaining department estimates are debated simultaneously in a sub-committee. Typically, the departments proceed alphabetically for a total of 40 hours of debate.

But after NDP backbenchers extended the finance debate by asking questions about their own budget on Thursday, the government decided to skip to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

That means the opposition may not be given the chance to ask Justice Minis-

"Really, I think it's a conspiracy about nothing ... an alleged conspiracy about nothing."

NDP SPOKESMAN SHAWN FULLER

ter Ross Landry about his department's budget — specifically, barrister fees paid through the department on behalf of Premier Darrell Dexter from 1999 to 2003.

Dartmouth-East MLA Andrew Younger says his party plans to appeal to Speaker Gordie Gosse.

"Now, their actions make me feel like that there is something for them to hide."

But NDP spokesman Shawn Fuller said Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal was called because the Progressive Conservatives requested it, and said his government was "open" to calling Justice should time allow.

"My understanding is if (the Liberals) wanted to have that discussion with the government house leader, he'd be open to hearing what they had to say."

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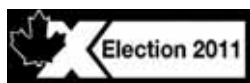
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Tories ready to 'hit the ground running'

- Harper maintains Conservatives have strong record of collaborating
- Says government moving 'cautiously' on foreign investment rule changes



An increasingly confident Stephen Harper is treating next week's election like a speed bump en route to a renewed Conservative mandate.

Harper told a crowd at a northern Ontario college that "the business of government will commence Tuesday" if voters honour him with a majority.

The Conservatives "will be able to hit the ground running," he said yesterday in Sault Ste. Marie.

Layton: Fears of split vote unfounded

Jack Layton is dismissing as "absurd" the idea that voting for the resurgent New Democrats could result in a Conservative majority

As he openly pushes for his first unfettered mandate since taking power five years ago, Harper is

government.

Layton is responding to suggestions that the surging NDP campaign will drain support not from the Tories, but from their Liberal and Bloc Québécois rivals instead.

And he says the Liberals voted with the Tories more than 100 times in the last three years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

soft-peddling what a Conservative majority would look like.

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Tory line

Harper continues to shrug off the historic contempt-of-Parliament ruling that brought down his government on March 25.

- **Blame.** Harper says other parties wanted to "bring down the government at all cost."
- **Advertising.** Tory attack ads began in January.
- **Boasting.** \$26 million was spent on economic boosterism advertising in the run-up to the election call.

Separatist. Support



► Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, left, greets former Quebec premier Jacques Parizeau during a campaign stop in Longueuil, Que., yesterday.

GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calling all sovereigntists

The Bloc Québécois trotted out an old sovereigntist warhorse yesterday as the separatist party continued to fend off an apparent NDP surge in Quebec. Former Parti Québécois premier Jacques Parizeau took the stage at a campaign rally near Montreal, calling on members of his old provincial party to fire up support for their political cousins.

Liberal attack ad lumps NDP, Conservative policies

Stephen Harper and Jack Layton make strange bedfellows in a new Liberal attack ad unveiled yesterday.

The one-minute spot, called "The Loonie," describes the Conservative and NDP leaders as "career politicians" and places them on two sides of a spinning coin.

It strikes a tone similar to Harper's repeated warnings about the dangers of an opposition "coalition," which the Tories have used as a stick to beat the Liberals.

The ad warns that Harper will give public dollars to

banks and oil companies, and predicts Layton would "jack up" taxes to pay for \$70 billion in new spending.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff defended the negative tone of the ad during a campaign stop in Thunder Bay, Ont.

"We're saying to NDP voters, we're saying to Liberal voters, we're saying to everybody: 'If you want child care for your family, you've got to vote Liberal.'"

The New Democrat war room emailed reporters travelling with the Liberal leader, calling the new spot

"We're pointing out the recent political history of our country... Stephen Harper and Jack Layton got together to kill child care in Canada in 2005-2006."

MICHAEL IGNATIEFF ON LIBERALS' NEW ATTACK ADS

a "desperate measure" in the campaign's dying days.

The ad appears designed to curb Layton's apparent momentum in the polls,



► Michael Ignatieff

while reinforcing Ignatieff's argument that the Liberals are the only viable alternative to Harper's Conservatives. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canadians' al-Qaida source a con: WikiLeaks

Secret U.S. military documents suggest a Guantanamo Bay detainee with links to al-Qaida duped Canadian intelligence officials who recruited him as an agent.

The allegation is found among 700 classified documents released by online whistleblower WikiLeaks to select media outlets.

The documents, dating from 2002 to 2008, detail accounts of prisoners at the infamous U.S. military jail in Cuba.

The New York Times reports that one document

says U.S. officials discovered a detainee who has been recruited by British and Canadian intelligence officials because of his "connections to members of various al-Qaida-linked terrorist groups."

However the report suggests the unnamed agent never shifted his militant loyalties.

According to the Times, the document says that after repeated interrogations, the Central Intelligence Agency concluded the man "withheld important information" from the British and Canadians and was found to be a threat.

The newspaper says the documents indicate the man was later sent back to his native country.

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► Royal fan John Loughrey makes himself comfortable yesterday outside Westminster Abbey, where he has started to camp out ahead of the royal wedding to ensure his place.

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Poor Kate Middleton. She's not just marrying a future king. She's marrying all of us.

Once upon a time, British subjects gazed upon their sovereigns from afar. Not any more.

Members of the royal family are now Hollywood-style mega-celebrities — their cellulite, receding hairlines and boozy nights out subject to the same relentless scrutiny as other A-listers.

The monarchy has gained in star power, and perhaps lost in dignity, since William's mother, Princess Diana, jumped into the royal family and changed it forever.

On British newsstands ahead of Friday's wedding, Kate and William beam from the covers of

celebrity magazines alongside Catherine Zeta-Jones, singer Cheryl Cole and surgically altered glamour model Katie Price.

It's easy to forget that it was not always like this.

"When I was growing up I thought the royal family was harmless but a bit boring," said novelist Monica Ali, whose new book, *Untold Story*, imagines an alternative future for Princess Diana.

"Kate is not just marrying into the royal family," Ali said. "She is marrying into celebrity. She is entering the game show of the first wives' club. She'll be competing with Michelle Obama and Carla Bruni."

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NATO strikes heart of Gadhafi's camp

► Gadhafi's compound crushed under air strikes ► Assault on rebels deepens Libyan ruler's international isolation ► Prompts new demands for ouster

The latest NATO air strike on Moammar Gadhafi's compound that reduced parts of it to a smouldering ruin steps up pressure on the increasingly embattled Libyan leader as he struggles to hold onto the western half of the country.

A Libyan government spokesman denounced yesterday's bombing as a failed assassination attempt, saying the 69-year-old leader was healthy, "in high spirits" and carrying on business as usual.

A separate air strike elsewhere in Tripoli targeted Libyan TV and temporarily knocked it off the air, a government spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters.

Since an armed uprising erupted in mid-February, Gadhafi has been clinging to control in the western half of Libya, while opposition forces run most of the east. A NATO campaign of air strikes has sought to break a battlefield stalemate, and the U.S. last week added armed U.S. Predator drones to the mission. Italy said yesterday its military will join in strategic bombing raids in Libya.

NATO said its latest air



► In this photo taken on a government-organized trip, Libyan soldiers inspect damage following an air strike in Tripoli, Libya, early yesterday.

strike sought to destroy a communications headquarters used to co-ordinate attacks on civilians. A spokesman for the alliance said it is increasingly targeting facilities linked to Gadhafi's regime.

"We have moved on to those command and control facilities that are used to co-ordinate such attacks by regime forces," the spokesman said of the strike on Bab al-Aziziya, which was hit last month,

"As soon as we clear out the hospital of injuries, Gadhafi fills it up for us again."

A DOCTOR IN MISRATA, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY

early in the NATO air campaign. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military briefing regulations.

Gadhafi's forces unleashed new shelling yesterday on Misrata, killing at least 10 people after a weekend pounding that belied government claims

its troops were holding their fire as they withdrew from the western city that has been besieged for nearly two months.

Among the dead from a shattered residential neighbourhood was an entire family, according to a doctor in Misrata.

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▶ An Afghan police officer inspects the entrance to an escape tunnel at the main prison in Kandahar, Afghanistan, yesterday.



Prisoners tunnel to freedom

► Hundreds escape prison in Kandahar by digging tunnel ► Officials say most were Taliban militants

Hundreds of Taliban fighters bolted from prison in a daring escape overnight Sunday, prompting a huge hunt for the fugitives and exposing glaring security gaps in efforts to contain the insurgency.

Kandahar Gov. Tooryalai Wesa said yesterday that a total of 475 political prisoners had escaped, "including one criminal."

The insurgents had

worked for months digging the tunnel they used to get out, Wesa said.

The tunnel was started in a house located to the north-east of the Sarpoza prison in the city's Sarfooza area and continued to the entrance of the prison's political block about 300 metres away.

Wesa said later that police shot dead two inmates who tried to evade capture

and re-arrested another 26.

A spokesman for the Taliban, Qarii Yousaf Ahmadi, claimed that 541 insurgents escaped overnight after tunnelling underground to avoid security checkpoints.

The Taliban say they spent more than five months building a 1,050-foot tunnel to the main prison in southern Afghanistan.

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Background

- Canadian authorities said Kandahar city was no longer their responsibility.
- The escape is reminiscent of one in 2008, when 900 prisoners broke out of the Sarpoza prison following a Taliban attack on the facility, which was under Canada's oversight at the time.
- Canadian correctional services officers spent years training guards at the prison.



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Gates biggest CN shareholder

► His buddy Warren Buffett owns a U.S. railroad ► So is Bill Gates taking a card from Buffett's bridge game?

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has become the largest shareholder of Canadian National Railway, with a \$3.2-billion stake in Canada's largest rail company.

Montreal-based CN says the world's second-wealthiest man owned or exercised control over 10.04 per cent of its shares as of Feb. 25. He holds 46.07 million shares through Cascade Investment and as co-trustee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust, CN said.

The value of his shares is based on yesterday's trading price of \$69.97, up nine cents in afternoon trading on the Toronto stock exchange. CN's market capitalization for its



► Bill Gates has been buying up CN stock since being identified as a shareholder in 2006.

458.6 million shares was \$32 billion.

Gates's friend and frequent bridge partner Warren Buffett, through his holding company Berkshire Hathaway Inc., acquired full control of U.S. rail company Burlington Northern

Santa Fe Corp. last year.

CN releases its first-quarter financial results today. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expect its adjusted earnings will rise to 88 cents per share on \$2.1 billion in revenues.

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Car. Crash



► Workers give the final check to Toyota's Yaris compact sedans at a plant in Ohira, Japan. Domestic production last month was 129,491 vehicles, the lowest since 1976.

KOJI SASAHARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bumpy road ahead

Toyota Motor Corp.'s car production in Japan plummeted 62.7 per cent last month due to a parts shortage after the earthquake and tsunami. Toyota sold 8.42 million vehicles last year, just managing to keep its lead over a resurgent General Motors Co., which sold 8.39 million, thanks to booming sales in China. Given Toyota's production woes, analysts predict GM will reclaim the title of world's largest automaker that it lost to Toyota in 2008.

UAE to curb servers

Authorities in United Arab Emirates are determined to impose restrictions on the most secure BlackBerry service on May 1. The policy will limit access to the BlackBerry Enterprise Server to companies with 20 accounts or more. Critics see the new rules as a way to more closely monitor political activism.

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Wii shall overcome: New Nintendo console on the way

The successor to Nintendo's hit Wii console will arrive next year.

In disclosing its plans yesterday, Nintendo Co. didn't say what the new system will do. But it did announce it will show a playable model of the console at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, which runs June 7 to 9 in Los Angeles.

Nintendo has dominated sales of video-game consoles and sold 86 million Wiis since launching it in 2006. But the Wii is showing its age. Even when it launched, it was behind the other consoles of the era, Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 3 and Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox 360, in not offering a high-



► A woman flaps her arms to make a character fly on a Wii Fit Plus game. The Wii made a splash when it launched in 2006 with its innovative motion-sensing controller.

definition image.

The Wii has also seen only minor updates, such as addition of the optional Wii Fit and the ability to play Netflix movies.

Nintendo announced plans for the Wii successor as part of its financial re-

sults yesterday. Annual earnings dropped for the second straight year as sales declined. It expects sales to rise again in the fiscal year that just started, thanks to its new handheld 3DS device, which launched last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Knockoff game

► Microsoft launched its Kinect game-control system last fall. Using a 3-D camera, depth sensors and voice-recognition software, it recognizes

your face, voice and gestures as you move around and talk.

► Sony, meanwhile, began selling a Move controller that is essentially a higher-tech version of the Wii remote.



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EMBRACE THOSE GUILTY PLEASURES

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I've given up trying to be cool.

For a while there I was pretty focused on being on trend; listening to the right bands (great, but not so great

that everyone already knows about them), wearing the hottest shade of nail polish, eating at restaurants that refused to take reservations. You get the point.

Lately, however, I've decided to get over myself and embrace the fact that I'm not really all that hip. In fact, I actual-

ly like a lot of things that are pretty lame. I have a lengthy iPod playlist dedicated to Brit pop from the early 2000s, enjoy eating Nutella sandwiches made with white-trash Wonder bread, and spend an embarrassing amount of time watching Say Yes To The Dress.

Once in a while I allow myself to purchase a trashy paperback housed in the young adult section of the

bookstore. Every time, I find myself hastily explaining to the cashier that my (non-existent) 14-year-old cousin just loves vampire-romance novels. At home, I hide my secret stash of tweentastic page-turners behind stacks of more acceptable reading material.

So why do I proudly display my collection of classic literature and cultural theory textbooks but conceal my worn-in copies of Harry Potter?

Scholarly pursuits, high art and fine cuisine are usually found at the top of the cultural hierarchy while reality television, monster truck

rallies and Kraft Dinner fall to the bottom. Even lettuce is subject to the high-low divide — my preference for iceberg lettuce over spinach and other leafy greens has led to a number of grocery store debates with my significant other.

Are we right in feeling so ashamed for liking certain things but not others? Is it really all that bad if you don't get modern art or if you have seen (and loved) every Vin Diesel movie ever made, including The Pacifier? So what if you're a closet Nickelback fan — I can't tell the difference between boxed wine and a \$60 bottle and I'm OK with that.

Stop defending your bad taste by claiming you like watching Teen Mom "ironically." There is no sense in denying the gratification that comes from our so-called lowbrow interests. Without guilty pleasures celebrity gossip magazines would fold, personal-sized tubs of Ben and Jerry's would go uneaten and the Kardashian empire would come crashing down. OK, maybe that wouldn't be such a bad thing.

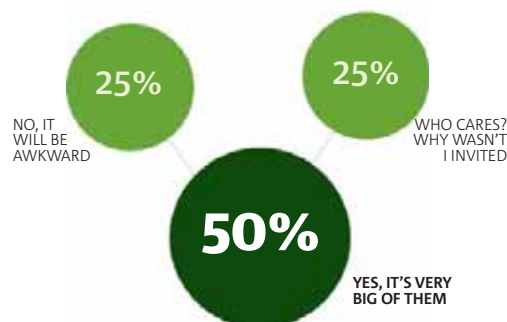
It's terribly exhausting to be sophisticated all the time so why not put the pretension aside and allow yourself to indulge guilt free.

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Should Prince William and Kate Middleton
have invited their exes to the wedding?



Local tweets



► @HfxMan: Right now there are 5 youngsters

playing with the refuse that has been discarded around the lake. Ahhh #Dartmouth, you'll always be special.

► @pennyhannam: Enjoy a beautiful day off in #Dartmouth. Next stop #Shubie with the pups.

► @HeritageMuse: First tick of the year. Spring has arrived in Nova Scotia!

► @Woofsis: I wish I lived in downtown Halifax. I'd get a job at Taz Records and it would be awesome.

► @oniononiononion: The #Halifax #PublicGardens #Goose is back in action!

► @nickey_r: can't get enough of #playoffs! buttt my hockey pool is not doing so hot! @VanCanucks @NHLBruins ... #workyour-magic

► @jaykaygee: hard to slam the massive interest in the Royal Wedding when I am giddy as a school girl about the NBA Playoffs

► @SethMacFarlane: 100 years ago, a man in Winnipeg seen a bear take a s**t at the zoo and then made millions in book sales

Letters & tweets

TORONTO. Your cartoon (Michael de Adder) in the April 19 paper, a jab at youth participation in voting, both shocks and offends me.

As a student committed to voting this election, I find this cartoon distasteful.

You should encourage the youth to vote, not depict us hard-working students as lazy. Youth do not vote because we feel we have no voice, nor do we feel as if our elected officials really address the issues that affect us.

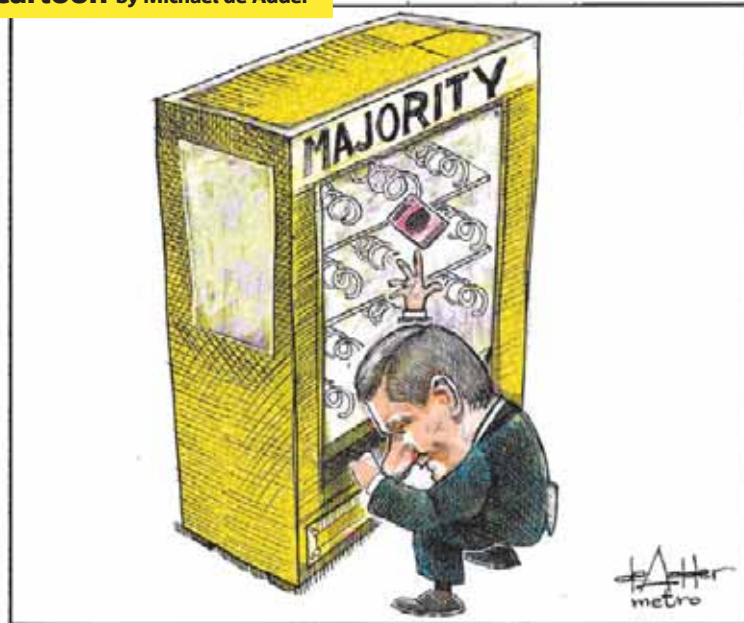
What can the federal or local leaders do for me as a student who has been unemployed for more than two years?

Maybe we don't feel the need to vote because of all the arbitrary political rhetoric that is thrown around in the media and between leaders; we are spectators who are getting scolded for not jumping into a game in which we don't even feel part of.

ANDREW WARD

@murphymichael: Dear Liberal Ad writers: You can't call @jacklayton a career politician, then turn around and say he's too inexperienced to govern. #elxn41

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

A classic story: You never know what you'll find

Book dealer Ken Sanders has seen a lot of nothing in his decades appraising "rare" finds pulled from attics and basements, storage sheds and closets.

Sanders, who occasionally appraises items for PBS's Antiques Roadshow, often employs the "fine art of letting people down gently."

But on a recent Saturday while volunteering at a fundraiser for the

small-town museum in Sandy, Utah, just south of Salt Lake, Sanders got the surprise of a lifetime.

"Late in the afternoon, a man sat down and started unwrapping a book from a big plastic sack, informing me he had a really, really old book and he thought it might be worth some money," he said. "I kinda start, oh boy, I've heard this before."

Then he produced a tattered, partial copy of the 500-year-old Nuremberg Chronicle.

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Scene in brief



Eminem plans to release an EP of new material that he recorded with fellow Detroit rapper Royce da 5'9".

The pair first worked together in the late 1990s, calling themselves Bad Meets Evil, with Royce da 5'9" as the "bad" and Eminem as the "evil" half of the duo.

One of the songs they recorded in those days, called Bad Meets Evil, appeared on Eminem's major label debut, The Slim Shady LP.

The new material will be released June 14 on Shady/Interscope Records.

Interscope says the EP's title will be unveiled "soon."

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Rapper-producer Pharrell works with eco-friendly company but still struggles to be green

Prom's Teegarden is a star on the rise



► Aimee Teegarden stars in *Prom*, which opens on Friday.

► Friday Night Lights star has found plenty of movie work since TV show ended ► The 21-year-old is even producing her own movie



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Prom movies

Here are some other prom-related movies.

- Pretty in Pink (1986)
- Carrie (1976)
- 10 Things I Hate About You (1999)
- Never Been Kissed (1999)
- She's All That (1999)
- Footloose (1984)

Aimee Teegarden is smart, beautiful and good natured, but she doesn't have a date for the dance she's organizing in *Prom*. While that irony sinks in, consider how smart she is in real life. After five years on Friday Night Lights, the 21-year-old is producing her own projects.

"I've had amazing opportunities," Teegarden said. "I've seen what everyone's job entailed and jumped at the idea of creating my own work from now on. Finding projects and scripts to get them up and running excites me."

Prom follows high school seniors anxiously awaiting the end of school ritual.

"They get senior-itis, wondering if they'll go to college or figure out whether to with their boyfriend or girlfriend," she said. "It's not glossy and sparkly and singing and dancing in the hallways."

"It's a film that will be

relatable 30 years from now, and it will always take people back to high school when everything was the biggest issue in the world."

Teegarden and FNL cast mate Taylor Kitsch have a world of opportunities now that the show has ended. "Taylor Kitsch is off being Mr. Movie Star!," Teegarden said. "But we do talk from time to time. He's such a sweet, sweet guy."

Like Kitsch, Teegarden is hitting her stride. "I went straight to *Prom*, then *Scream 4* and *Beautiful Wave*," she said. "I'm producing *Beyond the Darkness* for Dennis Quaid at the end of the year. I'm so very busy and so very lucky." ... And smart.

Shelton back in studio after Honey Bee buzz

Blake Shelton knows an opportunity when he sees one.

With his new single *Honey Bee* setting a record for digital sales and rocketing up the charts, the country singer and soon-to-be reality television coach is going into the studio this week to finish his next album.

"Playing your cards too close to your chest doesn't pay out," Shelton said.

"I feel like right now if I've got a single that's ex-

ploding, easily my fastest climber, I don't want to do something like wait and put (the album) out in the fall. It's when you rally the troops and say, 'Man, we've got to get this thing done.'"

Until Shelton debuted the single during The Academy of Country Music Awards earlier this month, he was content to finish the album later this summer and release it in the fall.

He's got plenty to do as it is. His marriage to Miranda



► Blake Shelton

Lambert comes May 14 and his stint on NBC's *The Voice* debuts tonight, with live shows in June.

But that ACM awards performance of *Honey Bee* spurred a sales buzz and the single sold more than 138,000 digital copies its first week, a record for a country male solo artist.

It was the greatest gainer on the Billboard country songs chart and jumped to No. 21 last week. That's light speed in the world of

country radio. So now the album is due out July 12 and Shelton's hitting Nashville this week to finish the untitled album with producer Scott Hendricks pronto. He's already got the songs picked out. It's just a matter of laying them down. Expect a good times vibe.

"Honestly it's just songs that I can kind of relate to at this moment of my life," Shelton said.

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Rocking reception for Will and Kate

► Beyoncé, Jay-Z may be among entertainment after royal wedding
► Planning less formal bash for friends after official reception

Beyoncé and Jay-Z have reportedly been asked to perform for Prince William and Kate Middleton after their wedding Friday, according to the Daily Star. "Both William and Kate are massive fans of Beyoncé and Jay-Z," a source says. "Will and Kate will have an official reception for hundreds of dignitaries before throwing a less formal bash for loved ones. They both wanted to ditch traditions and make it more personal for them." Beyoncé is currently in Europe promoting her new single. ● METRO



► Beyoncé



► Jay-Z

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► Lindsay Lohan

Five hours in jail too much?

After her latest trip to jail — even for just five hours — Lindsay Lohan is reportedly getting fed up with how she's being treated. "She is being treated differently from everyone else because she is famous," a source close to the actress tells Popeater.

"We were all in shock when she was forced to return to jail just to make an example out of her. It's not right. Especially when she is working so hard to live a healthy life. It's obvious this is only happening because she is famous."

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'Free spirit' Hugh still hard to catch

Hugh Grant reportedly has a new woman in his life, but he's keeping the relationship under wraps, according to News of the World. The actor and Tinglan Hong have reportedly been seeing each other since January. But the notoriously commitment-shy Grant, 50, isn't about to settle down. "He's still a free spirit," a source says. "Ting's a lovely girl, ... but as ever he's a very difficult man to nail down." ● METRO



► Hugh Grant

No more pizza for Britney

Britney Spears is reportedly serious about maintaining her new healthy lifestyle, if her tour demands are any indication. The singer has ordered caterers at stops for her Femme Fatale tour to exclude any junk food, including hot dogs, pizza and cookie dough ice cream, according to the Sun. And Spears has reportedly also banned alcohol from her presence as well.

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► Reducing the spread of HIV and AIDS can help put the disease into long-term remission.

Copying Canadians

► Made-in-Canada HIV treatment being implemented by other countries around the world



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Thanks to a program pioneered in Canada, future cases of AIDS around the world are being prevented.

HAART, which stands for highly active antiretroviral therapy, uses triple-drug therapy to stop HIV in its tracks. B.C. has been using HAART treatment as prevention since 1996, with dramatic results. "While an outright cure for HIV remains elusive,

HAART has transformed HIV infection from a short-term death sentence into a chronic, manageable condition and helped restore the health of thousands in Canada and millions worldwide," says Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS at St. Paul's Hospital.

The B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS pioneered the concept of Treatment as Prevention and proved that it not only

"In appropriately treated individuals, HAART reduces the concentration of HIV present in plasma."

DR. JULIO MONTANER

transforms HIV infection into a long-term chronic manageable disease, it also dramatically decreases HIV transmission rates. HAART therapy is available across Canada.

China recently adopted

a similar program as its national HIV policy. The made-in-Canada strategy is also being echoed in San Francisco, New York (the Bronx) and Washington.

Here's the impact the program has had in BC: In the early 1990s, at least one British Columbian per day was dying of AIDS. Since HAART's introduction in 1996, AIDS-related mortality has fallen by more than 90 per cent among those receiving treatment, says Dr. Montaner, who is also chair in

AIDS research and head of division of AIDS at the University of British Columbia.

"In appropriately treated individuals, HAART reduces the concentration of HIV present in plasma and in sexual fluids to levels so low as to be undetectable by the best commercially available tests," says Montaner.

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Looking at the food forecast

- Baby boomers predicted to eat more prepared foods
- Younger generation will be skipping meals: study

In 10 years, it's expected that Canadian baby boomers will eat more convenience foods while people born after 1993 will be skipping more meals, according to research released last week.

A study conducted by Toronto marketing research firm NPQ Group, called A Look into The Future of Eating — Canadian Marketplace, says that each generation will make its own distinctive mark

on food consumption trends over the next decade.

In their analysis, the NPQ Group asked people across the country to keep a food diary for seven days. It predicted what each generation will be eating in 10 years and whether people tend to eat more or less of a food as they age, and looked at which age groups are growing or declining, explained Joel Greig, a food and beverage

industry analyst with the NPQ Group.

The top food groups expected to increase in importance are salty/savoury snacks, which include cheese, and easy meals, such as yogurt or snack bars.

Two of the food groups forecasted to decline in importance are heat-and-eat breakfasts and combination dishes, such as soups and stews.

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Thoughts on Awakening

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It will also work well as a side dish with grilled pork or chicken.

Preparation:

- 1 In measuring cup, mix together vinegar, lime juice, sugar, garlic and hot red pepper flakes; set aside.
- 2 Heat large skillet over medium-high heat. Add walnuts; cook and stir constantly until lightly toasted; remove and set aside.
- 3 In same skillet, heat oil over medium heat; add mushrooms and stir-fry for 3 minutes. Add walnuts and stir in vinegar mix while stirring constantly until sauce bubbles and mushrooms are coated.
- 4 Serve on hot rice, mixed greens or as a side dish to grilled meat. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ MUSHROOMS.CA**

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) each balsamic vinegar and lime juice
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) packed brown sugar
- 2 large cloves garlic
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) hot red pepper flakes
- 1 cup (250 mL) broken walnut pieces
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) olive oil
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The Lunch Trio (\$14) is a real treat: thick and rich roasted cauliflower soup; a small sandwich of Friulano

cheese, capicollo meat, and rucola greens on toasted Panini; and a green salad. There's too much herbed vinaigrette for my friend, so our server promptly returns with a new salad.

The Bicycle Thief Chopped Steak Burger (\$14) with gorgonzola and caramelized onions — toppings suggested by our server — is absolutely delicious with steaming hot, salted frites on the side.

We have no intention of having dessert but a server happens by with a well-stocked dessert cart know-

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conversations, David and I went on our first date.

I knew immediately that there was something special about him.

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brain injury. He had to undergo a year of intense therapy in order to regain memories of our life together. Although he was changed, I knew our love was something special, and we remained committed to each other.

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I went out on a date with this guy and it went really well. We set up a second date as we both had a great time. The only problem is he never called me back! I texted him a couple of times, but aside from some random, non-committal texts back, he's never asked me out again. What did I miss?

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Claire: Dear Clueless,

If I could answer this I'd be richer than He-of-the-meringue-hairdo (Donald Trump). You say the date went well, so I assume that the conversation flowed easily, that his body language was good, and that you didn't mention that your meds have kicked in so that you don't hear "the voices" quite as often as you used to.

If any of the above is incorrect then the date didn't go as well as you thought, and that's why he didn't call.

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might have nothing to do with you: I believe that as we get older, timing increasingly dictates whether or not a relationship has a chance to bloom.

Perhaps he's in that grey area — that intersection between different phases of his life where all he knows is that he doesn't know what he wants.

The other possibility is that your date went so well that the ecstasy of your potential relationship was too life-altering for him to cope with, so he ran. In which case, keep taking your meds and move on.

Andrea: Dear Clueless,

There's a saying that I believe applies here: "He's just not that into you."

But don't fret. He did you a favour! By not engaging you beyond that one date, he quite possibly saved you the trouble of emotional upheaval down the road.

Although no one likes the silent treatment or pretending nothing happened, you didn't have to go through liking him, then not liking him and the inevitable, uncomfortable "we need to talk" talk.

The point is, you didn't miss a thing.

Instead, ask yourself what you liked about him, then use that information to find an even better hottie.

Once you learn to take a step back, you can enjoy the ride, and isn't that the best part?

TWO SISTERS, 20-SOMETHING ANDREA AND 30-SOMETHING CLAIRE, OFFER THEIR DIFFERING VIEWS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP ISSUES.

'Precious letters' of love from the Civil War

Alone in his hotel room after a solemn dinner with his brother, the newly enlisted army surgeon took up pen and paper to make the first instalment on his promise.

"I have a few moments," he wrote to his wife, just 16

kilometres up the coast in Lynn. "I am in such a whirl that I can hardly think, much less write."

Just four days earlier, on April 12, 1861, Confederate artillery had fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, igniting the Civil War.

On April 15, President Abraham Lincoln issued an urgent appeal "to all loyal citizens," seeking 75,000 volunteers to quell the rebellion.

The very next day, Dr. Bowman Bigelow Breed — my great-grandfather —

was on a train south, bound for Boston, and for war.

Bowman and my great-grandmother, Hannah, vowed to write to each other every day, "if only a line."

And they kept their promise as well as one can during a time of war.



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Except for brief furloughs and the few months when she would join him at one of his postings, they

were apart from the fading echo of those first cannon shots in South Carolina until an assassin's bullet ended Lincoln's life four years later.

Their "precious letters," as each called them, would total nearly 1,000 by war's end.

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ROYAL WEDDING INVITATION LOST IN THE MAIL? (OURS TOO.) FEAR NOT, FAIR GUEST!

Simply invite some friends over, catch Will and Kate on the telly and party it up, royal-style! With these tips and tricks, there's no doubt your royal wedding party will be worthy of the prince and princess themselves.

By Milena Canizares, 2forcouples.com

DECOR Set the tone with photo invites. Pile on your fancy finery: a wide-

brimmed hat and feminine sundress for her, and an improvised royal uniform for him. Then get snap-happy! These calling cards will get guests in a regal state of mind. Bring Will and Kate to the party. Set up life-sized cutouts of the princely pair by your front door. When guests arrive, they can pose with Will and Kate as you snap Polaroids for take-home mementos. If there was ever a perfect time to bust out the fine china, this would be it. Arrange up-turned teacups and delicate plates to create stands for food. Get on board the royal wedding souvenir train! Pick up the latest memorabilia—from comics to keychains to magazines—and scatter them around your party space.

FASHION Establish a strict dress code for your prestigious royal wedding party: sundresses and fascinators (a.k.a. feathered headpieces) for the ladies, and

lounge suits (a.k.a. casual suits) for gents. Give guys Union Jack pocket squares to add some royal flair to their outfits. Keep strands of faux pearls on hand to give to any ladies who arrive slightly underdressed. Arrange your fanciest hats in a display for guests to play dress-up.

FOOD & DRINK Greet guests with monogrammed sugar cookies. Cover with white icing and use red and blue for Will and Kate's entwined initials. Serve comfort food—but with a gourmet twist. Try a grilled cheese station with unusual toppings—sauerkraut, pickles, beets and fried onions—along with tea sandwiches, spring pea soup, chèvre tarts and mini meat pies. Stock the bar with Tanqueray London Dry gin for its genuine royal heritage, which includes an official royal warrant and royal recognition dating back to the 1700s.

Toast the royal couple with cocktails representing something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. For dessert, think rice pudding, peppermint hot-fudge sundaes, fancy cupcakes and scones with clotted cream and berries.

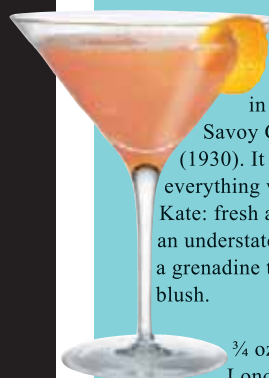
PARTY FAVORS Package small groupings of British candies in clear bags. Tie with royal blue ribbon and give to royal wedding party guests as a sweet parting gift. Make a take-home CD for guests. Rather than throwing rice at the television, give royal wedding party guests bubbles to blow after the I do's. Customize labels with mini flags or photos of Will and Kate.

Get in on the party with the 2forcouples.com Royal Wedding 2011 app for iPhone and iPad. For up-to-the minute Will & Kate info and giveaways, hit up facebook.com/WillandKate.

KINGLY COCKTAILS

Angus Winchester, Global Ambassador for the House of Tanqueray, took inspiration from the old adage “something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue” to develop gin cocktails to toast the royal couple.

SOMETHING OLD *The Blushing Bride*



This classic cocktail was first published in the famed Savoy Cocktail Book (1930). It embodies everything we love about Kate: fresh and lively, with an understated elegance, and a grenadine twist for a little blush.

¾ oz. Tanqueray London Dry gin, ¾ oz. triple sec, ½ oz. orange juice, ½ oz. lemon juice and ½ oz. grenadine.

Shake all ingredients very hard and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with orange zest.

SOMETHING NEW *The Newlyweds*

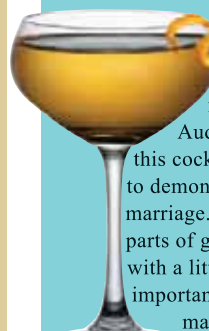
This original cocktail was handcrafted for Prince William and Kate. It features pineapple (a.k.a. “the king of fruit”) so named for its crown of leaves. Serve it in a long glass to represent the royal couples' long life together.

1 ½ oz. Tanqueray London Dry gin, 1 oz. fresh lemon juice, 1 oz. simple syrup, 3 chunks fresh pineapple, 1 small slice fresh ginger and Soda water.



Muddle fruit and add remaining ingredients, except soda. Shake hard and strain into tall ice-filled glass. Add soda and garnish with pineapple leaf and wedge.

SOMETHING BORROWED *Yin and Yang*



“Borrowed” from world-renowned mixologist, Audrey Saunders, this cocktail is intended to demonstrate equality in marriage. It features equal parts of gin and vermouth, with a little bit of spice—important in all good marriages!

¾ oz. Tanqueray London Dry gin, ¾ oz. Noilly Prat Original Dry vermouth and Dash orange bitters.

Stir all ingredients together and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with orange twist.

SOMETHING BLUE *Colour Me Royal*

In honor of Princess Diana's sapphire engagement ring, which now adorns Kate Middleton's hand, this eye-catching drink sparkles as it forms a brilliant blue ring on the bottom of the glass.

¾ oz. Tanqueray London Dry gin, ½ oz. maraschino liqueur, ½ oz. fresh lemon juice and 1 barspoon blue curacao



Shake all ingredients, except blue curacao, and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Slowly pour blue curacao down the inside of glass to rest at the bottom.

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This summer, bike, blade, run or walk to work or social events. Rather than paying big bucks for outdoor concerts and events, grab your hiking boots and hit the local trails in Canada's beautiful national parks. Not only will you feel better about your health, but, you'll save on metro passes, vehi-

cle maintenance, extremely expensive gasoline and entertainment.

Set a frugal fitness goal such as being active for at least 30 to 45 minutes each day.

Consider changing your eating habits too. Lounging on patios, soaking up the sunshine, having a few cold ones and snacking can add up to hundreds of dollars throughout the summer season. Invite your friends over to kick back in your yard or balcony. Host a barbeque or meet at an empty field, have a picnic and play softball.

Set a frugal entertainment goal such as socializing with friends outside restaurants and bars once a week.

I'm an avid cook and I long for summer when I can buy a wider variety of

locally grown and organic fresh food.

Buying food in season and from local growers can translate into better prices and helps support small business within your community.

Grab your favourite recipes and head to the farmer's market. Buy only what you'll need to prepare your dishes and avoid 'stocking up' which can result in wasted money by throwing out rotten items.

Set a frugal fresh food goal such as buying fresh once a week rather than bulk buying.

Take your summer savings and plough it into your Tax Free Savings Account, pay off expensive credit card debt or reward yourself if you reach your fitness, entertainment and food goals.

Tax-tackling lists

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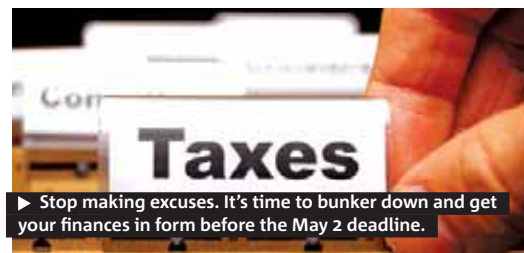
If you haven't completed your 2010 tax return, a list will galvanize you.

I'm a great believer in making a list for those times when you just can't get at it — whatever "it" is.

Lists are your one-stop solution to a bout (or permanent case) of procrastination. It's oh-so reinforcing to cross off tasks as you progress.

This is particularly true in the world of money. The trick is to break the job down into easily achievable steps.

According to an H & R Block poll released April 13th, 10 per cent of filers plan on doing their taxes this week, just days before May 2, and many more



► Stop making excuses. It's time to bunker down and get your finances in form before the May 2 deadline.

won't make the deadline.

As a public service to those procrastinators here's my income tax preparation list to get you going.

- If you're using tax software, sign on — some banks offer a discount rate with the major providers, such as TurboTax through RBC and UFile through CIBC.

You can also do-it-yourself with H & R Block software. Otherwise go to cra-arc.gc.ca, click Individuals then 2010 Tax Package to download and print, or go to the post office for a paper copy.

- Gather expense receipts and separate into major categories; medical/dental, child, education, donations, RRSP, rental (if you own a rental property) and so on.

Total each and note it on the file or envelope.

- Gather income slips and

clip together based on category - T4, T4A, T5, etc.

- Clear a desk or table surface — I'm talking all clear!

- Assemble writing implement, paper, calculator and stickies.

- Turn off or unplug your phones so you can concentrate.

- Begin. Mark what you don't understand with a stickie (for paper filers) or make a note (for e-filers) and return to it later.

- Complete form.

- Smile if there's a refund due.

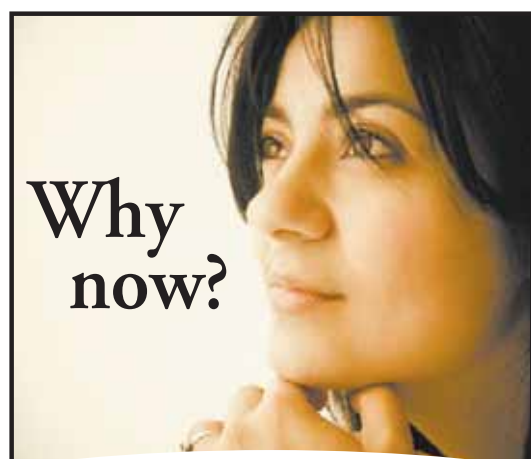
- Mail or net file form.

- Pay tax owing at your bank.

Now if only I could get my husband to start making lists!

Tax Facts

- 1 million Canadians will file their taxes late this year.
- 11 per cent of those who file late don't realize that the deadline is May 2nd.



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Pre-nup a necessity?

Prenuptial agreements are a touchy subject. Many argue it takes the romance out of marriage, but protecting your money is a savvy, serious matter — you just never know what the future holds.

The British press has raised the issue of a royal prenup but Prince William's office declined to comment. In Britain, prenups are rare (unheard of in the royal family), but in Canada they're becoming more common.

Weddingbells' 2011

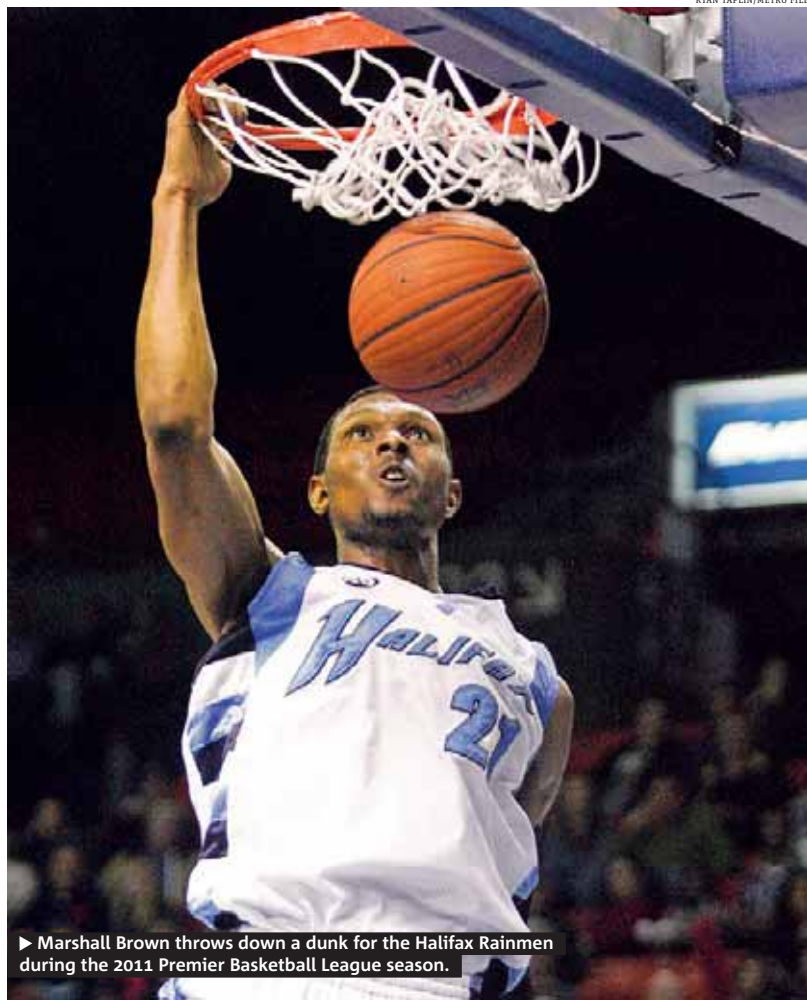


Reader's Survey results revealed 32 per cent of brides thought it was a smart idea, a figure that's

up six percent from the 2010 results.

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PBL replacement efforts underway

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE


► Marshall Brown throws down a dunk for the Halifax Rainmen during the 2011 Premier Basketball League season.

► Rainmen, Mill Rats head to London, Ont., to explore potential franchise for new league

Five is the magic number for a budding Canadian professional basketball league.

If the Halifax Rainmen, Saint John Mill Rats and Quebec Kebs are going to form their own circuit after disassociating with the Premier Basketball League last week, they say they need to find at least two more franchises to make it work.

The primary targets are Moncton and London, Ont.

"We're exploring (ownership groups) that have reached out to us and said they're interested in having a franchise," said Mill Rats president Ian McCarthy. "We had seven (teams) in the PBL this year and had a successful season, so the minimum is probably five."

City of Moncton representatives have publicly endorsed adding a pro basketball franchise, while McCarthy and Rainmen owner Andre Levingston are travelling to London today to meet with a prospective ownership group.

"For it to be a Canadian league, we would want it to be more than just the Maritimes," McCarthy said. "Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick would give us four provinces."

In a perfect world, a new league would have two divisions, one featuring Maritime teams — the Rainmen, Mill Rats and Moncton — and another featuring the Kebs and additional teams from Quebec and Ontario.

Schedules weighted on intra-divisional play would heighten rivalries and reduce travel costs.

McCarthy also suggested Sydney and Charlottetown as ideal cities in the Maritimes, as well as Mississauga and Oshawa in Ontario. He also didn't rule out the possibility of an American entry.

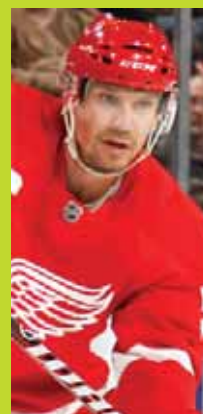
"We're just trying to see how it plays out and which markets have real owners interested in joining, and seeing if it could work out to have that footprint," McCarthy said.

"We'll just see where it takes us."

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"It's always something special. I've won it a few times."

RED WINGS DEFENCEMAN NICKLAS LIDSTROM, A SIX-TIME NORRIS TROPHY WINNER, ON BEING A FINALIST FOR THE 11TH TIME IN 13 SEASONS FOR THE AWARD RECOGNIZING THE NHL'S BEST BLUE-LINER.

"It means a lot to me to play at this level in this league at this age. I sat next to Chris Chelios for nine years, so I saw up close what it takes at this age to stay in shape."

LIDSTROM, WHO TURNS 41 ON THURSDAY, THE OTHER FINALISTS FOR THE NORRIS ARE BOSTON'S ZDENO CHARA AND NASHVILLE'S SHEA WEBER.

Corbeil gets playoff shot

METRO FILE


► Mathieu Corbeil

Former Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Mathieu Corbeil might be poised to get more starts for the country's No. 1 team.

The 19-year-old, now with the Saint John Sea Dogs, had taken a back-seat to Jacob DeSerres for first two rounds of the QMJHL playoffs. But he has made the most of his chance since relieving DeSerres in the third period of Game 1 of the semifinals on Friday.

Corbeil, who the Mooseheads traded for Frederic Piche in January, stopped 24 of 25 shots in a 4-1 win that put the Sea Dogs up 2-0 in the series. He has stopped 45 of 46 shots in 132 minutes of playoff action.

DeSerres, for his part, is 7-1 with a 2.14 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage.

Game 3 of the series will be held tonight in Maine. ● METRO

Sports in brief

Ex-Mooseheads coach joins Dal

HOCKEY. Former Halifax Mooseheads associate coach Chris Donnelly has taken an assistant coaching job with the Dalhousie Tigers. "I'm looking forward to coaching this level of hockey at one of the top universities in the country," Donnelly said in a press release.

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CFL to meet media on 2011 Moncton game

CFL. The Canadian Football League is holding a news conference today to discuss the regular-season game in Moncton between the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Calgary Stampeders on Sept. 25.

The Edmonton Eskimos and Toronto Argonauts played a game in Moncton last year.

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Canucks GM blames woes on referees

General manager Mike Gillis is blaming the referees for the Vancouver Canucks being forced to play a Game 7 in their NHL playoff series against the Chicago Blackhawks.

Gillis said his team has its back against the wall because more penalties are being called against the Canucks than Chicago.

"I'm not sure how you explain that discrepancy, but we're going to be very hard-pressed to win hockey games if throughout the entire series, when the score is tight, they get 75 per cent more power plays than we do," Gillis said yesterday.

"That's the facts we are facing."

Coach Alain Vigneault said goaltender Roberto Luongo will start for the Canucks tonight. In a surprise move, Vigneault started backup Cory Schneider in Game 6 Sunday night in Chicago.

"(Luongo) knew yesterday he was either going to start Game 1 of the next series or start Game 7," said Vigneault.

A playoff that began with Vancouver being favoured to win the Stanley Cup could end in one of the most embarrassing meltdowns in franchise history.

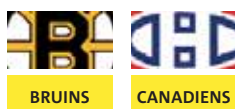
The Canucks took a commanding 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference quarter-final series but have lost three consecutive games. Chicago has eliminated Vancouver from the playoffs the past two seasons.

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Habs looking to catch a break

Scott Gomez is hoping fate will turn in the Montreal Canadiens' direction.

Overtime wins in the fourth and fifth games have given the Boston Bruins a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarter-final, but that's how close the battle has been between the Northeast Division rivals.



► Time: 8 p.m., tonight
TV: CBC

"It's a great series," Gomez said yesterday. "It's been so weird."

"It's whoever gets that little break or bounce. It's fun for us. They threw the last punch and now we have to throw one. If you looked at the teams this season, this is what it boils down to."

The Bruins can put away the Canadiens with a victory in Game 6 at the Bell Centre tonight.

It promises to be a good one, with Boston looking to come back from an 0-2 deficit to win a best-of-seven series for the first time in 27 tries, and Montreal seeking the same magic that saw them win five elimination games while ousting Washington and Pittsburgh in the opening two

rounds of the playoffs a year ago.

If Game 7 is necessary, it will be played tomorrow night in Boston.

Montreal took the first two games in Boston and the Bruins won the next two in Montreal. In the playoffs, each club has scored 12 goals.

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Lightning fight back, push Pens to Game 7

► Tampa Bay starts slowly, but puts four past Fleury on just 21 shots

Steve Downie scored to snap a third-period tie and Dwayne Roloson stopped 27 shots last night, helping the Tampa Bay Lightning beat Marc-Andre Fleury and the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 to force a Game 7 in their first-round playoff series.

The deciding game is tomorrow night in Pittsburgh, where Tampa Bay has already won twice this post-season, including an 8-2 Game 5 blowout that began its comeback from a 3-1 deficit in the Eastern Conference first-round series.

Downie put the Lightning ahead for good, scoring after Pittsburgh's Jordan Staal gave the Penguins life with a goal to tie it 2-2 early in the third. Teddy Purcell, Sean Bergenheim and Ryan Malone also



scored against Fleury, who faltered for the second straight game.

Pulled after yielding four goals on 14 shots in Game 5, Fleury couldn't protect an early 1-0 lead from a Pascal Dupuis goal and struggled again when Pittsburgh looked like it had regained momentum.

Roloson played huge in contrast, rejecting point-blank shots by Maxime Talbot and Pascal Dupuis moments before Downie's winner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Judge orders end to NFL lockout

Six weeks into the NFL lockout, players have an early triumph over the owners in court.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson ordered an immediate end to the lockout yesterday, siding with the players in their fight with the owners over how to divide the \$9-billion US business. The NFL immediately said it would ask Nel-

What rules?

If the injunction is upheld, the NFL must resume business, although under what guidelines is uncertain.

son to put her order on hold so the league can pursue an expedited appeal to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals in St. Louis, Mo.

Nelson granted a request for a preliminary injunction to lift the lockout, saying she was swayed by the players' argument that the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987 is hurting their careers.

The NFL is going forward with the draft, which begins Thursday night.

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Sports in brief

Setback for Phil Hughes

MLB. Injured Yankees starter Phil Hughes had a setback yesterday in his rehabilitation from a "dead arm," cutting short a bullpen session after about a dozen pitches.

Hughes went on the disabled list April 15 be-

cause of a significant drop in his velocity this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Laker arrested in New Orleans

NBA. Authorities say Los Angeles Lakers forward Derrick Caracter was arrested in New Orleans, accused of public drunkenness and shoving a cashier at a pancake restaurant.

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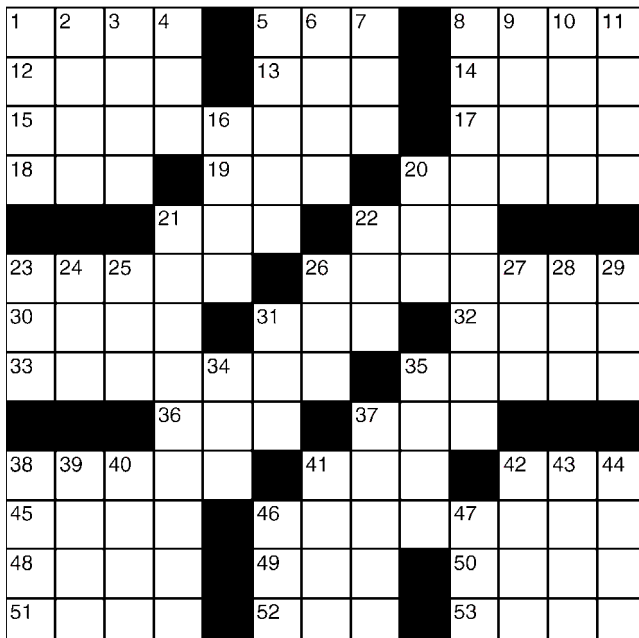
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Across

- 1 Temperate
5 Tennis ball container
8 Pedestal part
12 Sandwich cookie
13 Surprised cry
14 Press
15 Find
17 Ledge
18 Curvy letter
19 Jewel
20 — anteater
21 Parched
22 Scratch
23 Singer Gorme
26 Unknown woman
30 Greet the villain
31 Use a ray gun
32 Sunrise
33 Meat dealer
35 London newspaper
36 Coffee vessel
37 A welcome sight?
38 Military higher-ups
41 Zero
42 Ballpoint, e.g.
45 Billions of years
46 Reveal
48 Carry
49 Autumn mo.
50 "My bad"
51 Late-braking development?
52 Firmament
53 Wherefores' mates

Down

- 1 Fashion
2 Rainbow
3 Not so much
4 Medic
5 Small flock
6 Attention getter
7 Neither partner
8 Drag through the mud
9 Met melody
10 Barbie, e.g.
11 Sans siblings
16 Shrek, for one
20 — Diego
21 Talked about
22 Navigation aid
23 Recede
24 Second person
25 E-mail address component
26 Discordance
27 Beavers' construct
28 Have bills



8 Drag through the mud

29 Type measures

31 Buddhist sect

34 Day portions (Abbr.)

35 Body powder

37 Johnny Mathis classic

38 Wagers

39 Chess piece

41 Shaving mishap

42 Milne bruin

43 Catch sight of

44 Capone foe

46 Two, in Tijuana

47 Depressed

► Yesterday's answer



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♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 It may seem as if certain areas of your life are not functioning as well as they should.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 If you make an effort to help someone in need today your kindness will be noted.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Don't limit your horizons — be open to new experiences.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 If you think that your efforts have not been properly rewarded that will change very soon.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 It's good to get away from the daily grind once in a while.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You will be attracted to someone who is as different from you as chalk is from cheese

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't give in to jealous feelings.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The harder you have pushed yourself in recent weeks the more you need to take things easy now

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21

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A new relationship is likely but give it time to develop.

♐ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Forgive and forget and let someone know that you do not hold a grudge against them.

♑ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18

If life isn't a great adventure then you're doing it wrong.

♒ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. You're in a buying mood and the more things cost the more you want them.

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